GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that daily hearing of the Ayodhya case is taking place at Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have issued direction to State Government and their own machinery to ensure compete cooperation with the Bench;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether sufficient funds have been sanctioned to the concerned authorities to deal with the situation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f): In compliance with the judgement of Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court, dated 20.3.2002, the recording of statements of the witnesses in the title suits relating to the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid at Ayodhya has started on day to day basis with effect from 1.4.2002 by the Special Full Bench of the Allahabad High Court and the Commissioner, appointed by the Bench for this purpose. The Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court has directed the parties to cooperate in the matter for speedy disposal of the cases. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has to bear all expenses on the Commission and to extend all possible cooperation to the Bench in this regard.